

Mayor Dave Olson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. May 19, 2020 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council present: Mayor David Olson, Emily Krage, Cody Mathers, Tony Schultz, and Cheryl Sanden. Staff present: Michelle Quinn, Steve Skifton, Brett Hurley

**Public Comment:** None

**Mobile Food Units:** Discussion was held regarding parameters for case-by-case approval of Mobile Food Units. Due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic mobile food unit operators are seeking ways to replace income lost due to the cancellation of large-scale events such as festivals and fairs. Council expressed mindfulness of brick and mortar businesses. JT's offer food Friday and Saturday's, Barista's offers panini's and sandwiches during lunch. Subzero is open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner only. River Valley Convenience offers a variety of items. Motion by Krage, seconded by Sanden to authorize Clerk/Administrator to approve case-by-case requests which wish to conduct business within the following parameters: Sunday through Thursday only, locate in the city parking lot adjacent to the New Community Center and only one mobile food unit is allowed at this location at a time. Motion carried unanimously. It is the intent to provide opportunity in a visible location which provides for safety and does not encourage gathering or lingering. Council indicated they would revisit this during the regular scheduled June meeting of Council.

**Firefighter Certification Classes:** Chief Skifton reported on a request for exemption to complete Riverland Community College certification testing for 25 local firefighters. The certification testing is scheduled for May 30 and June 6 at the Houston Fire Department. Fire Chief Skifton reported Riverland oversees training, their instructors will ensure compliance with Riverland's guidance policy. It will be necessary to provide a clean facility for the events and to clean the facility following each event. Skifton asked that the City custodian perform this work since they are most knowledgeable about the CDC cleaning protocol. He explained how students will be split into small groups to complete the testing. Approval would ensure that grant reimbursement funds will be received. In the event the certification testing is not approved, grant funding will be in a new fiscal cycle which is not guaranteed. Motion by Sanden, seconded by Schultz to authorize the use of the Houston Fire Station for certification exams to be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> being subject to Riverland Community College Guidance for Resuming In-Person Instruction During Ongoing COVID-19 Outbreak. Motion carried unanimously. Riverland Community College Guidance document is on file.

**Covid-19 Signage:** Krage stated LMC (League of Minnesota Cities), during a recent webinar, shared a best practice recommendation to have Council approve signage posted because of the current pandemic. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Krage to approve the signage as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted signage needs to be placed at the following City owned locations: South Park, Bluffview Park, City Park, and the Nature Center.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Sanden, seconded by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.